



## The Qalam Seminary 2014-2015 Academic Year

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### Weekly Schedule:

*Sunday-Thursday:* 8:00am - 3:30pm

*Friday:* Community Service & Extracurricular Activities

*Saturday:* Day Off

***TA Office Hours scheduled by appointment***

### Program Dates:

September 3, 2014 - June 13, 2015

### Campus Address:

1148 W Pioneer Pkwy, Suite E  
Arlington, TX 76013

### Course Description:

Classical Islamic academics combined with modern-day applicability and personal development.

*Prerequisites:* Classical Arabic reading comprehension, proper Qur'anic recitation fluency, and demonstrated community activism.

### Course Objectives:

The sole objective is to help people connect to Allah. Students will receive the following:

1. *Ta'leem*: sacred knowledge
2. *Tarbiya*: training and personal development
3. *Suhba*: good companionship

Graduates will be prepared to serve their communities as educators, youth directors, assistant imams, and other capacities.

### Subject Descriptions:

#### PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT (TAZKIYA)

كتاب العلم في إحياء علوم الدين للإمام الغزالي  
A week-long study every module and in-class reading from throughout the year. Students will grasp what it means to purify and revive their hearts, be a student of knowledge, curb their egos, and build a stronger relationship with Allah.

## **QUR'ANIC STUDIES**

Studies consist of Usul ul Tafseer, 'Ulum ul Qur'an, and Tafseer. Students will understand revelation, the authenticity, preservation, and miraculous nature of the Book of Allah, and build a stronger relationship with the Qur'an. The detailed breakdown of Tafseer Studies is listed below. Passages are selected due to the practical, spiritual, and oft-repeated nature of the ayat. Books are selected due to their different areas of focus within the Islamic Sciences.

## **PROPHETIC STUDIES**

Studies consist of Usul ul Hadith, Seerah, and Hadith. Students will understand the Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad (S) and how it was preserved, how to practically apply lessons from his life and teachings, and develop a greater love for the last Messenger of Allah.

## **LEGAL STUDIES**

Studies include Usul ul Fiqh and Fiqh of Taharah and Worship from the Hanafi perspective. Specialists in the Hanafi, Maliki, Shafi'i, and Hanbali fiqh schools of thought will present an overview of each of the different madhahib. Students will learn what it means to follow a madhhab and how to correctly put into practice the pillars of Islam.

## **DOCTRINES OF FAITH (AQEEDAH)**

A detailed study of the core tenets of Ahlul Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah supplemented by in-depth research and class presentations on the Names and Attributes of Allah throughout the year. Students will understand their creed and those of deviant groups and where the line is drawn between correct and incorrect belief.

## **CONTEMPORARY ISSUES**

Studies relevant to being a Muslim community leader in America taught via guest instructors and student-led class presentations throughout the year. Subjects include the following:

- Public Speaking
- History of Islam in America
- Political Movements
- Youth Counseling Issues
- Agnosticism & Philosophical Crisis
- Atheism
- Family Counseling
- Domestic Violence
- Social Services
- Comparative Religion & Interfaith
- Financial Issues (focus on practical personal finance)
- Communication & Social Media
- Personal Productivity
- Logistics for Islamic Events
- Masjid Issues (seeking a job, politics, etc.)
- Current Events

## Course Outline & Texts:

### SUMMER:

- Introductory Texts by Shaykh Akram Nadwi: This will help the students develop a solid foundation in the basic 'ulum and the usul before moving forward.
  - مبادئ في أصول التفسير
  - مبادئ في أصول الفقه
  - مبادئ في أصول الحديث و الإسناد
- Memorization of الأربعين النووية

### MODULE 1:

- Tazkiya: أيها الولد للإمام الغزالي
- التبيان في علوم القرآن للصابوني: 'Ulum ul Qur'an
- تيسير مصطلح الحديث للدكتور محمود الطحان: Usul ul Hadith
- عيون الأثر الجزء الأول لحافظ أبي الفتح اليعمري: Seerah

### MODULE 2:

- آداب طلب العلم لعبد بن سعيد بن رسلان: Tazkiya
- Tafseer: (see below for details)
- كتاب الإيمان في مشكاة المصابيح: Hadith
- الوجيز في أصول الفقه للدكتور وهبة الزحيلي: Usul ul Fiqh
- عيون الأثر الجزء الثاني لحافظ أبي الفتح اليعمري: Seerah

### MODULE 3:

- رسالة المسترشدين لأبي عبد الله المحاسبي: Tazkiya
- Tafseer: (see below for details)
- رياض الصالحين للإمام النووي: Hadith
- مختصر القدوري في الفقه الحنفي للعلامة أبي السن القدوري: Fiqh
- العقيدة الطحاوية: Aqeedah

### Tafseer:

Tafseer studies will take place in Modules 2 & 3 following our study of 'Ulum ul Qur'an. The following books and selections from the Qur'an will be covered during these two modules:

1. تفسير القرآن العظيم لابن كثير - known for *riwayat*, we will be covering Genesis in this tafseer
2. أحكام القرآن للقرطبي - known for *fiqh*, we will be covering the issue of *talaq* in this tafseer
3. الكشف للزمخشري - known for its linguistic analysis and *Mu'tazili* influence, we will be covering *Suratul Furqan* in this tafseer
4. التحرير و التلوين لابن عاشور - known for its *usul* and *balagha*, we will be covering the following selections in this tafseer:
  - a. *Ayatul Kursy* (2:255)
  - b. *Ayatul Nur* (24:35)
  - c. *Ayatul Birr* (2:177)
  - d. The last 3 ayat of *Suratul Baqarah* (2:284-286)
5. التفسير الكبير للرازي - known for including everything in his tafseer, we will be covering the last 10 surahs

### Grading Policy:

A student's grade will be determined on the basis of his/her accomplishment in the following areas:

- Attendance - 25%
- Activities & Assignments - 25%
- Examinations - 50%

### ATTENDANCE:

Attendance will be taken at each class meeting. Students assume full responsibility for material covered and assignments given during a missed class.

### ACTIVITIES & ASSIGNMENTS:

There are two types of activities and assignments: in-class and out-of-class.

1. *In-class*: Activities consist of individual and group presentations. Students are expected to come prepared having thoroughly researched the subject matter in multiple sources in order to deliver a compelling presentation to the class. Presentations will be delivered in English and will be presented on the following subjects: Hadith, Usul ul Fiqh, Names of Allah, Contemporary Issues, and more. Assignments include research submission and daily journal work.
2. *Out-of-class*: Activities consist of volunteering trips and program planning and execution. Programs include khutbahs, halaqas, lectures, classes, youth/MSA/sisters' events, and seminars. Students will be expected to initially observe the Instructor prepare and deliver the above-stated programs, and later the students will be given assignments in order to directly participate in the process.

### EXAMINATIONS:

Exams will take place monthly and will be conceptual, covering all the material of that month. Exams will be hand-written in English. Make-up examinations are at the discretion of the Instructor.

## **Course Expectations:**

You have decided to dedicate this year to becoming a serious student of knowledge! Make the intention now to take full advantage of your time at the Qalam Seminary.

- **Come Prepared**
  - Assignments are to be read, translated, and understood at an elementary level prior to the class period for which they are assigned.
  - Students should have the texts for the day, journals, and note-taking material ready at the beginning of class.
- **Act Responsibly**
  - Students are expected to attend every class, arrive on time, and remain the entire day.
  - Islamically appropriate clothing is required.
  - Be SMART! Sit up straight, Make eye contact, Ask questions, Respond clearly, and Take notes.
  - Quietly leave the room to go to the restroom during class if necessary. Wudu should only be done during breaks.
- **Respect All**
  - Cell phones may not be used during class. If it is an emergency, quietly leave the room.
  - Laptops may only be used for taking notes and/or following the text during class.
  - Disruptive and/or disrespectful behavior (for example, sleeping during class) will not be tolerated.
  - Talking during a lecture/presentation is not allowed.
  - Disrespectful and/or vulgar language will not be tolerated.
- **Expect Success**
  - You are on the path to becoming community leaders. With your hard work and ours, insha'Allah, we can make that happen.

## **Break Schedule**

### **Eid Break**

Last day of class: Oct 2, 2014

Back to class: Oct 7, 2014

### **Thanksgiving**

Last day of class: November 26, 2014

Back to class: December 1, 2014

### **Winter Break**

Last day of class: December 18, 2014

Back to class: January 5, 2014

### **Spring Break**

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